

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A device for administering or for ingesting fluid or powdery substances (S) to a person, especially medical substances and/or food to children, comprising:

a body defining a flat surface capable of resting stably on a horizontal surface;

a receiving unit (2) for receiving the substance (S) to be administered, said receiving unit being carried by said body;

a dispensing unit (4) connected to the receiving unit (2) which dispensing unit comprises a dispensing opening (8) for dispensing the substance (S) to the person, which device (1) has at least in parts an outer form not directly functionally related to the administration, which outer form corresponds to that of an animal, comic figure or a fantasy creature;

wherein the dispensing unit (4) comprises a hollow line (9) that connects the receiving unit (2) and the dispensing opening (8) to one another, and that in order to prevent residual liquid from running out of the device (1) the hollow line (9) runs upwardly at least in a section (9a) toward the dispensing opening (8) when the flat surface of the device (1) is placed on a horizontal surface.

2 - 44. (Cancelled).

45. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the receiving unit (2) is configured so that the receiving unit (2) or an insert (10; 110; 35) or

container inserted in the receiving unit (2) can be filled with the substance (S) from above the device (1) when the device (1) is set on a horizontal surface.

46. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1, further comprising:  
a flow regulating [[agent]] means (30, 27, 128) disposed in proximity to the dispensing unit and configured to prevent an undesired exiting of the substance from the dispensing opening (8).

47. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 46, wherein the flow regulating [[agent]] means opens by one of pressure and suction in the direction of the dispensing of the substance.

48. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 46, wherein the flow regulating [[agent]] means is formed by a valve that is opened by manual actuation.

49. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 48, further comprising:  
a transport device that is configured to transport the substance (S) from the receiving unit (2) to the dispensing opening (8).

50. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 49, wherein the transport device comprises a pump mechanism including one of a stamp (24) and a piston (224).

51. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 49, further comprising:  
a first closure unit that is configured to selectively open and close the receiving opening (6); and

a second closure unit (5) that is configured to selectively open and close the dispensing opening (8); and

wherein the transport device is integrated at least partially into ~~one of~~ the first

closure unit ~~and the second closure unit~~.

52. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 49, wherein the transport device is configured so as to be able to be coupled to a container (25) or insert (110; 35) introduced into the receiving unit (2) in order to administer the substance from the container (25) or insert (110; 35) upon actuation of the transport device via a flowthrough opening (12; 112) freed thereupon as well as subsequently via the dispensing opening (8).

53. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the walls of the receiving unit (2) are elastic in order to be able to transport the substance (S) at least partially to the dispensing opening (8) by compression.

54. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, further comprising:  
a receiving opening (6) defined in the receiving unit and configured to permit the substance (S) to be introduced through the receiving opening and thence into the receiving unit;

a first closure unit that is configured to selectively open and close the receiving opening (6); and

a second closure unit (5) that is configured to selectively open and close the dispensing opening (8).

55. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 54, wherein each of the first and second closure units is configured as one of: a cover, a plug, and a movable closure unit ~~and a self-closing unit~~.

56. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, further comprising:  
a first insert disposed in the receiving unit, into which first insert the substance

(S) can be filled or a container (25) containing the substance can be disposed;

a second insert disposed in the dispensing unit (4) through which second insert the substance (S) can pass to the dispensing opening (8); and

a non-positive, detachable connection that non-positively and detachably joins each of the first insert and the second insert to one another.

57. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 56, wherein the non-positive, detachable connection is one of: a clamp-connection, a plug-connection, a screw-connection and a bayonet connection.

58. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein extremities and/or other body parts of the animal, comic figure or fantasy creature are configured to permit the device to be readily grasped and held fast.

59. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the dispensing opening (8) is a part of the animal, comic figure or fantasy creature.

60. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the dispensing opening (8) is configured to be introduced into the mouth (M) of the person while the person's lips contact the device around the dispensing opening (8).

61. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, further comprising: a container (25) disposed into the receiving unit (2).

62. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the receiving unit (2) and the dispensing unit (4) is arranged in the device in such a manner that it is substantially not visible from outside the device.

63. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the receiving unit (2) and the dispensing unit (4) are configured in one piece.

64. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 63, wherein the receiving unit (2), the dispensing unit (4) and the part of the device comprising the outer ~~[[shape]]~~ form corresponding to that of an animal, comic figure or a fantasy creature are designed in one piece.

65. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the receiving unit (2) and the dispensing unit (4) are non-positively connected to one another via one of: ~~a clamp connection~~, a plug-connection, a screw-connection and a bayonet connection.

66. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the receiving unit (2) is configured to include a closed container (25) from which liquid as well as gaseous substances (S) housed therein can be administered.

67. (Previously presented) A device for administering or for ingesting fluid or powdery substances (S) to a person, especially medical substances and/or food to children, comprising:

- a receiving unit (2) for receiving the substance (S) to be administered;

- a dispensing unit (4) connected to the receiving unit (2) which dispensing unit comprises a dispensing opening (8) for dispensing the substance (S) to the person, which device (1) has at least in parts an outer form not directly functionally related to the administration, which outer form corresponds to that of an animal, comic figure or a fantasy creature;

- a receiving opening (6) defined in the receiving unit and configured to permit the substance (S) to be introduced through the receiving opening and thence into the receiving unit;

a first closure unit that is configured to selectively open and close the receiving opening (6); and

a second closure unit (5) that is configured to selectively open and close the dispensing opening (8).